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Dear Mr. Toren:

This is in response to your request received 25 November 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application number 09/890,434. Please be notified that the papers allegedly filed on 19 November 2002 has not been received in the Office. The application file indicates that the facsimile communication filed 27 January 2003 has been received and is currently in the PCT Legal Office waiting to be acted on. Further communication with regard to the status of the papers filed 27 January 2003 may be addressed to Patent attorney Richard Ross at telephone number (703) 308-6155.

Sincerely,

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